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FROM A DISTANCE Despite President Arroyo's order to the military and the police for an all-out attack on the kidnappers of the now released ABS-CBN news team and a peace advocate in Jolo, Sulu, the town lies as serene as the sea that is its namesake and as vulnerable as the dominant Masjid Tulay, the province's largest mosque. Off shore, a Navy ship is on standby but on operation mode.

Sulu mayor, son charged

Recount ordered in Migz-Koko poll case

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE SENATE ELECTORAL TRIbunal (SET) has found "sufficient cause" to continue with its recount of votes in the electoral protest filed by losing senatorial candidate Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel against Sen. Juan Miguel Zubiri.

"Suffice it to say at this time that the results of the initial revision and appreciation proceedings ... show that the 14 May 2007 election in certain

RECOUNT/A6

Expensive gov't rice irks GMA

By Jeffrey M. Tupas
Inquirer Mindanao

MATI CITY, DAVAO ORIENTAL—President Macapagal-Arroyo hit the roof yesterday when she came to inaugurate a new public market.

The reason: She found out that government rice was being sold at P35 per kilogram.

The President, known to throw proper tantrums in public, went livid, raised her voice and demanded an explanation from Agriculture Secretary Arthur Yap.

EXPENSIVE/A14

Help Pinay rape victim, GMA urged

By TJ Burgonio

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARroyo should take up the dismissed case of a young Filipino rape victim in Okinawa with US President George W. Bush during her visit to the United States, Gabriela said yesterday.

The women's group said Ms Arroyo's talking points with Bush should include the case of

HELP PINAY/A14



CHECK IT OUT Look, guys, no concealed weapons here. Soldiers manning checkpoints all over town, post-Drilon and team, do not spare anyone whatever their mode of transport. Which vigilance leads to the confiscation of 3,180 blasting caps from two men on a motorbike at a checkpoint along the road from Jolo to Indanan.

Australia backs Sulu offensive

By Tarra Quismundo and Kristine L. Alave

AUSTRALIA YESTERDAY backed the Philippine government's campaign to hunt down the kidnappers of an ABS-CBN news crew, but Roman Catholic Church leaders cautioned against an all-out war, saying innocent civilians might suffer.

"The government of Australia supports the Philippine government's efforts to track down and properly prosecute the perpetrators of that kidnapping incident," Australian Ambassador Rod Smith said.

Australia is the Philippines' second biggest defense partner after the United States and has played a key role in global efforts to stamp out terrorism.

AUSTRALIA/A18

Drilon unsure of Isnaji's role: Maybe ...

By Beverly T. Natividad

"MAYBE."

Ces Drilon could not give a categorical reply when asked if Indanan Mayor Alvarez Isnaji had conspired with her kidnappers, as police officials have alleged.

Drilon talked to reporters before attending a thanksgiving Mass with her family, close friends and colleagues yesterday at Medical City where she was confined.

"The mayor ... maybe," said Drilon.

Drilon said her suspicion was somehow roused after her abductors chose Isnaji as the main emissary when they previously said that they did not want a politician as a negotiator.

She said she found it confusing and asked them why they chose Isnaji. "I said I thought no politician, but why the mayor?" she said.

DRILON/A18

PNP: Negotiator Isnaji one of the kidnappers

By Alcuin Papa

THE CHIEF NEGOTIATOR IS NOW THE PRINCIpal suspect.

Indanan, Sulu, Mayor Alvarez Isnaji and his son Haider Isnaji have been placed under arrest and charged with kidnapping in connection with the June 8 abduction of ABS-CBN reporter Ces Drilon, her two cameramen and a university professor.

Charges of four counts of kidnapping for ransom were filed in the Department of Justice against the Isnajis, who had negotiated for the release of the captives.

The government has a standing policy of not negotiating with terrorists and kidnappers.

But in a number of interviews with Inquirer Mindanao prior to the June 17 release of the captives, Mayor Isnaji said he could not back out of the negotiations because he was heeding an order from Interior Secretary Ronaldo Puno.

SULU MAYOR/A8



No 'lo-bat': Kidnappers used Ces' SIM card

By Beverly T. Natividad

THEY NOT ONLY THREATENED her life, these "chiapakaters" also jacked up her phone bill.

The kidnappers of ABS-CBN journalist Ces Drilon and her companions maintained contact with negotiators using her mobile phone, the calls al-

NO 'LO-BAT'/A8

Abus still leaderless, says AFP

By Nikko Dizon and Michael Lim Ubac

THE ABU SAYYAF HAS BEEN saddled by "a leadership problem" since the deaths of its chieftains, and the Armed Forces of the Philippines has yet to determine whether the abductors of ABS-CBN reporter Ces Drilon and her three companions were indeed members of the bandit group, according to the AFP spokesperson.

Asked if the Abu Sayyaf had a new chieftain, Lt. Col. Ernesto Torres Jr. yesterday said that as far as the military was concerned, the bandit group had practically been leaderless since the deaths of Khadaffy Janjalani in 2006 and Abu Sa-

ABUS STILL/A6

Ad campaign vs spouse abuse wins at Cannes

CANNES, FRANCE—DM9 JaymeSyfu, a Manila ad agency affiliated with the DDB network of communications companies, was awarded on Tuesday the Bronze Media Lion at the Cannes International Advertising Festival.

The first Cannes Media Lion won by a Philippine ad agency at the weeklong festival was for DM9 Jaymesyfu's "Duct Tape" campaign for Gabriela Philippines, a women's group opposing women abuse.

To dramatize the maltreatment of women, the campaign used duct tape to hold up posters of women which made it appear that the women in the posters were either gagged or blindfolded. The ad calls on abused women to speak up.

AD CAMPAIGN/A14



DUCT TAPE, one of 3,000 entries from 76 countries in the media category.

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WEATHER FORECAST

Roxas warns of worse crisis

Militants say Salceda missing the point on 'cash transfers'



HONOR GUARD. Admiral Robert Willard, commander of the US Pacific Fleet, salutes the honor guard at Camp Aguinaldo during yesterday's visit.

7th Fleet commander drops by

SEN. MAR ROXAS YESTERDAY warned the administration its preoccupation with short-term subsidies in response to the high prices, widespread unemployment and growing hunger could result in an even worse food crisis next year.



ROXAS

Not sustainable

Offset by runaway prices



COA prods PNP on crime database

WHATEVER BECAME OF THE POLICE plan to set up a database on crimes and criminals?

Status of funds

Still undelivered

GMA temper prods Customs past target

By Michael Lim Ubac

THE PRESIDENT'S VAUNTED temper apparently has its phases.

The Bureau of Customs has exceeded by P442 million its May collection target of P21.482 billion, raking in P21.904 billion, Malacañang announced yesterday.

It will be recalled that President Macapagal-Arroyo had earlier berated BOC officials after the agency failed to meet its collection target in the first two months of the year.

Yesterday, she still ordered the BOC to "work double time to achieve its target for the (whole) year," said Deputy Presidential Spokesperson Anthony Golez.

The bureau scaled down its collection goal for the year, however, from P234 billion to P233.6 billion, following the government's upward revision of its peso-dollar rate forecast for 2008 from the original P47-48 to one dollar to P42-43 to $1.

Same target

But the total government revenue target from all collection agencies for the year remains at P1.226 trillion.

Of the annual target, the Bureau of Internal Revenue is projected to contribute P840 billion, Bureau of Treasury P57 billion and other offices P80 billion, P38 billion of which would come from the government privatization program.

Golez said the BOC's ability to collect more taxes was "boosted by the rising world oil prices and rising dollar exchange rate," which led to higher import duties.

This was the second month this year the BOC exceeded its collection target.

Displeased over the bureau's shortfall in January and February, Ms Arroyo in March ordered the creation of an antigraft working group to stop the smuggling and other corrupt practices in the revenue-generating agencies.

"When the buying stops, the smuggling does, too," the President had said at a Cabinet meeting, after Customs Commissioner Napoleon Morales admitted a shortfall of as much as P800 million in January and February.

The President had said she wanted a new "government-civil society body" to monitor tax collection efforts, gather lifestyle and corruption information, and follow up on major evasion and smuggling cases.

To underscore the need for a broad government-civil society partnership, the President said the new body would combat smuggling, corruption and tax evasion in both the BOC and BIR, which are under the Department of Finance.

It will be patterned after the Procurement Transparency Group, a government-civil society alliance created last year to watch over government contracts.

"What's important is to provide civil society a peephole into customs operations but in a way that won't change the main job of raising revenues which might be disrupted if excessive oversight powers are delegated to the private sector," the President had said.

The higher revenue collected in April and May would help cover the shortfall in the first quarter, Golez said.

BI chief launches war vs 'escort service' ring

ANCESTRAL DOMAIN BREAKTHROUGH

Moro rebs welcome talks restart

Scope of area

Malaysian pullout

GMA creates task force for Naia3 opening



MARKETING SOLIDARITY Marketing leaders stand with arms locked during the World Marketing Conference and Trade Exhibition at the Sofitel Philippine Plaza Hotel. They are (from left) [illegible], Tom Banguis Jr., Rod Nepomuceno, Lawrence Fung of China, [illegible] of Malaysia, Jerel Cipriano, K.C. Loh of Singapore, Hermawan Kartajaya of Indonesia, Michel Bodde of France, Omar D'Souza of India, Fumihiko Iwamoto of Japan, Inquirer president Alexandra Romualdez and Alex Flores of the Philippine Marketing Association. [illegible]

PRC AWARDS

Cabral cited most outstanding in medicine

SOCIAL WELFARE SECRETARY ESPERANZA I. Cabral has been chosen most Outstanding Professional of the Year (2008) in the field of medicine by the Professional Regulation Commission.

Cabral, a professor and scientist and widely regarded as one of the country's best cardiologists, will receive the award during the PRC Awards Night today at the Fiesta Pavilion of the Manila Hotel.

The "Outstanding Professional of the Year Award" is the highest award bestowed by PRC upon a professional as recommended by his or her peers "for having amply demonstrated professional competence of the highest degree and conducted himself or herself with integrity in the exercise of his or her profession."

In addition, the awardee must have participated meaningfully in professional activities and contributed significantly to the advancement of the profession through effective display of social responsibility through meaningful endeavors.

Secretary Cabral has been recognized with other notable citations during her distinguished career, such as the National Young Scientist for Medicine Award by the Department of Science and Technology, the Outstanding Women in the Nation's Service Award, the Dr. Jose Rizal Award by the Philippine Medical Association and the Golden Heart Award by the Philippine Heart Association.



CABRAL

Before her appointment as secretary of social welfare and development in February 2008, Cabral held various key positions in prominent medical, scientific, humanitarian and educational institutions in the country. She was a professor of medicine and pharmacology and chair of the Department of Pharmacology of the UP College of Medicine, director of the Philippine Heart Center and chief of cardiology of the Asian Hospital and Medical Center.

Cabral completed her medical studies at the University of the Philippines' College of Medicine, her internship-residency at UP PGH, and her fellowship training in cardiovascular medicine and clinical pharmacology at Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital in the United States.

Since her assumption as DSWD chief, the state welfare agency has been consistently chosen as top performing agency in the entire Philippine bureaucracy in 2007 and 2008. These achievements were reflected in the surveys conducted by Pulse Asia.

Under Cabral's leadership, DSWD garnered 100 percent awareness rating and close to 79 percent approval rating for performance based on the latest results of the "Ulat ng Bayan" Pulse Asia report.

The DSWD was also recognized by the Presidential Anti-Graft Commission (PAGC) as the top government agency in the implementation of the Integrity Development Action Plan (IDAP) in 2007 and enjoys the reputation of being one of the least corrupt agencies in the government.

Solons seeking to revive Marcos law on land patents

By Christian V. Esguerra

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES is seeking to revive a Marcos-era measure that granted free patent land titles to Filipinos occupying unregistered residential plots of public domain.

The revival of Batas Pambansa 223 through House Bill No. 3401 would benefit some nine million Filipinos, Speaker Prospero Nograles announced Wednesday. He said the old measure had granted free patent titles for unregistered and untitled lands until it expired on Dec. 31, 1987.

The new bill sponsored by Rep. Rodolfo Valencia, chair of the House Committee on Housing and Urban Development, would "hasten titling of residential lands of public domain by extending the grant of free patent to residential lands under certain conditions."

A counterpart bill has been sponsored by Sen. Loren Legarda, according to Nograles.

"This is good news," he said. "We still have millions of Filipino families who are under constant threat of eviction because they are occupying lands of public domain."

Valencia reported to Nograles that 48 percent of total land parcels in the Philippines are untitled. The figure supposedly translated to around 11 million parcels being held without formal rights. He said the bulk of these untitled plots were residential.

"Addressing untitled residential parcels may affect 39 to 49 million Filipinos," Valencia said.

Nograles said the bill would help the government exploit "sleeping" capital resources, in this case, untitled land parcels. He said free patent titles would allow occupants to use their parcels as collateral "for productive economic enterprises."

"The importance of land in this context cannot be overemphasized," Valencia said.

WHAT WENT BEFORE

Nene hails Comelec decision on Sumalipao

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

Abus still leaderless, says AFP

Sons of organizers

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Current leaders

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Recount ordered …

Zubiri confident

Spurious ballots

Counterprotest

Court denies 2 Magdalo officers' plea

By DJ Yap

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Corrections

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The Daily Gospel

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Sulu mayor, son charged with kidnapping



Sulu police chief questioned over contents of 2 duffel bags

Wednesday night arrest

'Baka ako ang masabit'

Principal suspect

Complications

Free to run

No 'lo-bat': Kidnappers use Ces' SIM card

No electricity

Text messages supervised

MILF, Abu Sayyaf harbored Bali bombers, terror suspect admits

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Interrogated

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No 'official' connection

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AP



FREE BURMA RALLY

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Storm signal No. 1 in South

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Australia backs Sulu offensive

From page A1

Eighty-eight Australians were among the more than 200 people killed in the 2002 terror bombings on the Indonesian tourist island of Bali.

The Philippine military and police have launched what security officials said was an all-out offensive against the kidnappers of ABS-CBN senior reporter Ces Drilon, her two cameramen and a Mindanao State University professor, who were later released after days of captivity in Sulu.

The kidnappers were believed to be members of the Abu Sayyaf, a bandit gang linked to the al-Qaida international terror network.

Smith said his government backed both the Philippines' counterterrorism efforts and peace-building initiatives in Mindanao.

Dialogue encouraged

"The Abu Sayyaf is recognized as a terrorist organization and the Australian government is supportive of efforts to counter the terrorist threats in the Philippines and elsewhere in Southeast Asia," Smith told reporters on the sidelines of a peace forum at the Australian Embassy in Makati City.

"We also encourage the Philippine government to engage in dialog with a view to building alliances and peace and there are key dialog partners of the Philippines, as you know, the MNLF (Moro National Liberation Front) and the MILF (Moro Islamic Liberation Front)," Smith said.

Asked whether Australia would issue a fresh travel warning to its citizens, Smith said Canberra's existing advisory "is kept under review and updated as security environment changes."

Australia's last travel advisory, dated April 1, 2008, gives a "strong advice" against travel to Mindanao, especially Zamboanga and Sulu, "due to the very high threat of terrorist attack, including kidnapping and related counterterrorism operations."

Australia has existing programs that support both peace-building measures and counterterror efforts in the Philippines, said Smith. This includes a P4.1-billion development package for Mindanao and the Visayas for "education, capacity building and infrastructure programs."

Church concern

Talking separately with reporters, the president of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (CBCP), Archbishop Angel Lagdameo, said an all-out offensive against the kidnappers of Drilon and her team would not end the unrest in an area considered to be the country's poorest.

The CBCP believes the decades-old conflict in Mindanao is rooted in poverty and inequality.

"We would not agree with that strategy," Lagdameo said, when asked about the announced full-scale military offensive against the kidnappers.

Lagdameo favored an "active nonviolence principle which is based on respect for life and respect for other persons, even converting your 'enemies' into friends."

"We should try to avoid looking at each other as enemies but as future friends," he said.

The way of the Church

Instead of an all-out offensive, Lagdameo said the government should intensify its dialogue with various groups and stakeholders in the region.

"Conflict cannot be simply resolved by military might. Conflict can be resolved by dialogue," he said.

"The way of dialogue is the way of the Church," he said.

Asked how the kidnappers of Drilon and the others would be held accountable, Lagdameo said: "I don't know how to answer that." He also said: "I do not consider them immediately as criminals."

Misconstrued as religious war

Another prelate, Archbishop Antonio Ledesma of Cagayan de Oro, said any full-scale military operation in Sulu should not be "indiscriminate" for the sake of civilians.

"All-out war must not mean indiscriminate violence ... because there are a lot of innocent people involved here and that makes the situation in Mindanao difficult," Ledesma said.

"I am speaking for myself and (the) commission on inter-religious dialogue. But I could sense that all religious leaders would not be in favor of an escalation of war," he added.

Ledesma said a massive military operation could be used by partisan groups for their own political ends.

He said there was danger the offensive would be construed as a religious war, worsening hostilities in the region.

Excuse for US Army presence

Ledesma said the government should seek the help of the Christian community and the ulamas, noting that the bishops in Basilan and Sulu were constantly talking with their Muslim counterparts.

Renato Reyes Jr., secretary general of the leftist group Bayan, said the Drilon kidnap incident could be used as a pretext for US military incursions in the southern region.

Referring to the upcoming trip of President Macapagal-Arroyo to the United States, Reyes said: "There is reason to believe that Ms Arroyo may use the Drilon incident as basis to whip up 'antiterror' rhetoric in her meeting with [US President] Bush."

"We believe that she may try to pitch for increased US military aid and US military presence in the southern Philippines. This early on, we are calling on the public to be vigilant against such moves," Reyes told reporters.

Bayan said it believed Washington remained interested in keeping its military presence in Southeast Asia and the Philippines' drive against the Abu Sayyaf would provide an excuse for American soldiers to remain in the country. *With a report from Jerome Aning*







IN HOT PURSUIT A convoy of Philippine Marines leaves a camp in Patikul, Sulu, as part of the all-out offensive ordered by President Macapagal-Arroyo against the kidnappers of the ABS-CBN news team.

Media groups hail release

THE NATIONAL UNION OF JOURNALISTS of the Philippines (NUJP) and the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) issued statements welcoming the release of Drilon et al.

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Drilon ...

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PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
OPINION

Son of Abu Sayyaf

EDITORIAL



Jobs, not bullets, can stop kidnapping in Mindanao

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Push-ups for Lola?

PINOY KASI



Michael L. Tan

UP closed to brightest of poor

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RP's human rights rating questioned

Salceda's Noah's Ark meant to save GMA in 2010 instead of Filipinos

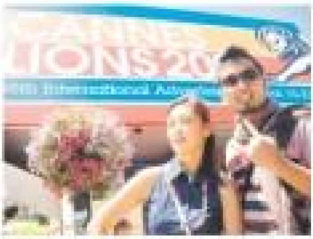
'Something new and exciting' on Inquirer pages

'Sunset' time for tobacco leaf

Two different ethnic groups

No right to cheapen 'Santacruzan'





Ad campaign vs spouse …

Expensive gov't rice irks GMA



Yap speaks

Yap denial

IN THE KNOW

Okinawa rape victim

'Consensual sex,' says defense



Help Pinay rape victim, GMA urged

Gabriela mission

Ang snubs PDEA 'feelers' to surface

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—EFFORTS TO LURE Anthony "Anton" Ang, a suspect in the smuggling of more than P4 billion worth of shabu at the Subic Bay Freeport in May, to seek protection from the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency have failed, a top PDEA official said.

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Feelers through relative

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Middle man

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No breakthrough

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Shabu repository

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FAMILIAR SCENE

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Vizcaya gov shrugs off raps from mining firm

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Duty

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Gov't offers subsidies for power saving inventions

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Kalinga tagged major source of rice in Cordillera

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Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation

45th Founding Anniversary

6th DEPOSITOR PROTECTION AWARENESS WEEK (DPAW)

(June 16-22)

NEW PDIC PRESIDENT SETS MEDIUM - TERM GOALS



PDIC President Jose C. Nograles

PDIC ADVOCATES FINANCIAL LITERACY TO COMMEMORATE DPAW



P5-M reward up for rebel priest

By Carla P. Gomez
Inquirer Visayas

NEWSBRIEFS

No work as Dagupan celebrates anniversary


FERNANDEZ

Dunding farm guard kills 'trespasser'

2 die in accidents in Hanjin shipyard

Cops tag village chief in trader's murder

Father-son suspects kill driver, 'tanod'

3 robbery suspects killed in Tagaytay

News

ECOLOGICAL TIME BOMBS

Atienza warns local execs on dumps



By TJ Burgonio

ENVIRONMENT SECRETARY Lito Atienza has warned local chief executives that they risk being charged in court if they fail to shut down open garbage dump sites in their jurisdiction.

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Worst polluters

[illegible]

Small fry

[illegible]

House OKs fewer 'renaming' bills

By Christian V. Esguerra

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Aplus METRO
Editor: Ester G. Dipasupil



4 arrested for Talayan murders; 2 more on list

Suspects were utility workers in village, police say

By Jeannette I. Andrade

THE QUEZON CITY POLICE ARrested four men in connection with last week's brutal killing of five people, including a 3-year-old girl, and the burning of a house in an exclusive subdivision.

QC Police District Criminal Investigation and Detection Unit (QCPD-CIDU) head Supt. Franklin Moises Mabanag gave only the aliases of the four men. Three of the suspects were arrested Wednesday night [illegible]. The fourth suspect was nabbed somewhere in Rizal province.

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Gang murders

[illegible]

Victim's friend

[illegible]



Alleged seller of firearms arrested in buy-bust raid

Baby thrown from cab now out of danger



Patient says 'Pie' Calayan also liable

Foreman shot after fighting off robbers

Resistance

METROBRIEFS

Manila Water rates hiked

MMDA extends deadline for unpaid fines

4 Malabon LPG refilling stations face closure

Pedro 'Pete' Maraigan, 73

Garayblas says accuser should help police probe by proving his claims

The WORLD

Editor Lorenzo B. Ziga

Gaza truce takes hold amid skepticism

GAZA CITY—A FRAGILE TRUCE BETWEEN Israel and the Palestinian Islamist movement Hamas came into force in the Gaza Strip on Thursday amid skepticism over how long the Egyptian-brokered deal would hold.

AFP

WorldBriefs

7 Suu Kyi supporters arrested on her birthday

AFP

US blames Shiite 'special group' for bombing

AP

Exams show torture of US-held detainees

Reuters

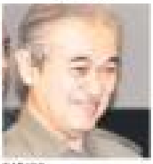
S. Korea's Lee apologizes over beef row

AFP

EU votes to allow illegals to be held 18 months

NYT

Rebellion against Malaysian PM boosts opposition campaign to topple government



BADAWI

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Buddy
PINAKAMALAKI! PINAKAMATINDI!
D2 NA KAMI SA NANGUNGUNA...
PILIT GINAGAYA NG IBA!
D2 NA AKO SA PINAKAMATINDI!
D2 NA AKO SA PINAKAMALAKI!
D2 NA AKO SA NANGUNGUNA!
Another first...
ANG SMART BUDDY MUSIC STORE!
MAY MOBILE INTERNET PA!
GAMES TO THE MAX!
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ALLCALLS
LOW HELLO!
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49 days to the 29th Summer Olympics

Free-for-all matches stir Fiesta Cup today









3 ex-world champs get going

Dottie sputters but pulls thru

AT 135 POUNDS

Manny: I'm stronger than Diaz



Jinkee's arrival lifts Pacquiao's spirits

COMMENTARY

Pacquiao fervor heats up; Manny roils Malignaggi

Gabica opens up against tougher field



GABICA



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Ilocos, Cebu score in Liga openers



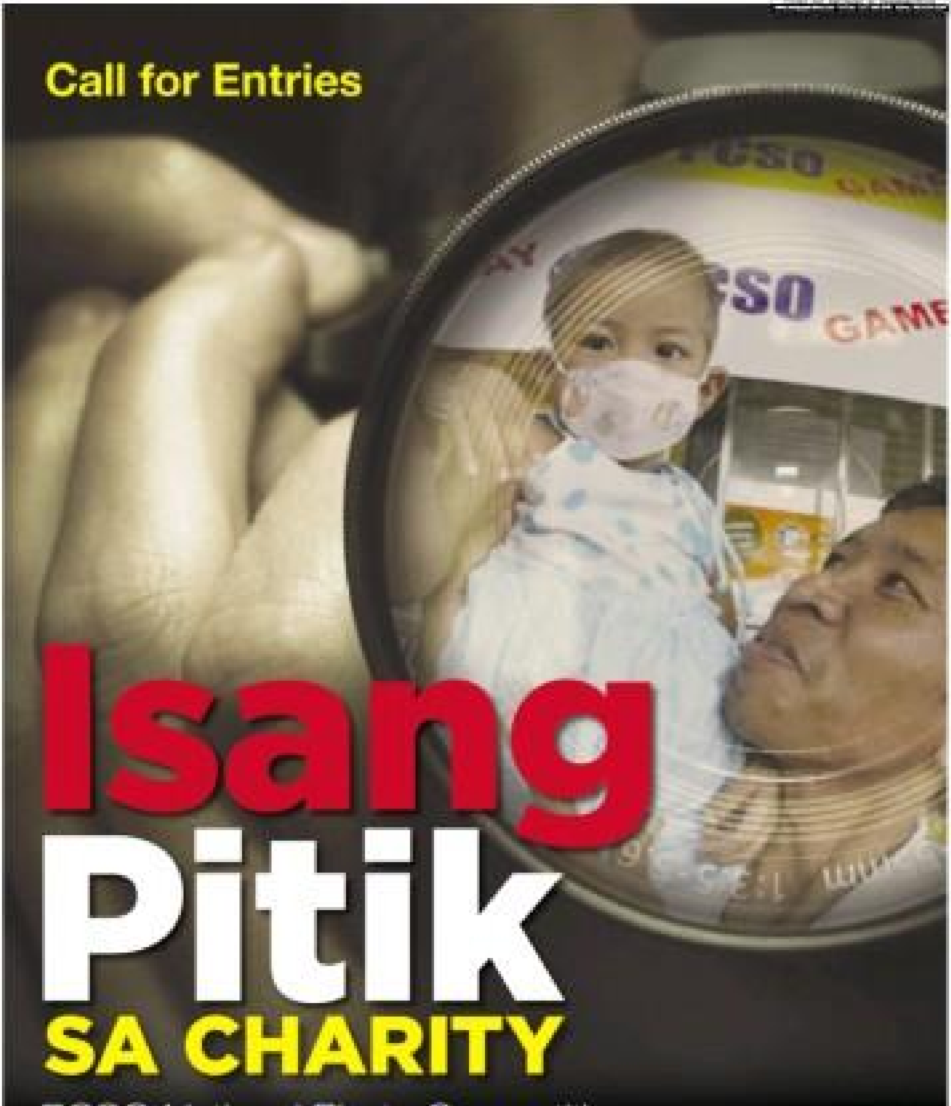


Inside track for Torres, Dagmil in Olympics

SPORTSWATCH

Shell NCR chess leg opens

Pasay derby set today



Call for Entries

Isang Pitik SA CHARITY

PCSO National Photo Competition

Subject
SNAPSHOTS OF PEOPLE IN THE ACT OF KINDNESS.

Rules of the contest

1. All entries must cover acts of charity or kindness of Filipinos in different settings or circumstances shown in different walks of life.
2. The photo contest is open to all professional and amateur photographers.
3. Photo paper to be used in the printing is not specified.
4. Entry size 11" x 14" with or without borders. Borders should not exceed 1" all around. There is no limit as to the number of entries. All entries must be accompanied by the corresponding E-copy of raw files of the photos.
5. Low resolution images will be disqualified. Raw file photo entries of professional and amateur photographers shall have a minimum of 5 mega pixels @ 300 dpi.
6. The following information should be printed on the entry form which can be downloaded from PIA and PCSO websites. Each Photo must be accompanied by an entry form -- one photo, one entry form.
   - Photographers name, address and contact numbers
   - Title of entry
   - Category (Professional or Amateur)
   - Caption or brief description or background of the picture (i.e. where and when the picture was taken (barangay, city, municipality and province)
   - Circumstances surrounding the taking of the pictures and other vital information.
7. Without additional compensation to photographers, photos may be published for promotional purposes only by the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office. All photos submitted as entries to the photo contest shall be owned by PCSO.
8. Entries can be color and/or black & white. Photos which are digitally altered are not allowed.
9. Top one hundred (100) photos may be reproduced or reprinted into bigger sizes for exhibits without additional compensation to owners. Credits shall be given to the photographers on all photos exhibited or published. PCSO shall retain the copyright of the photos.
10. Photos which have won national or international competitions are disqualified.
11. Entries that do not conform to the above requirements will automatically be disqualified from the contest.
12. All PCSO and PIA employees are disqualified to join the contest.
13. Deadline for submission of entries will be on August 1, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.
14. Entries may be submitted to any of the following offices:

Philippine Information Agency
Inter-Agency Projects Division
Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City
Tel. Nos. 920-39-54 or 920-43-48
Or log on to www.pia.gov.ph
Or PIA Regional Offices

Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office
Public Relations Department
Rodriguez Avenue, Quezon City
Or log on to www.pcso.gov.ph

15. Prizes for Professional and Amateur categories

1st prize	**P 100,000.00**
2nd prize	**P 50,000.00**
3rd prize	**P 30,000.00**
12 consolation prizes	P 5,000.00 each

PHILIPPINE CHARITY SWEEPSTAKES OFFICE
SPREAD THE CHARITY VIRUS

Drew to the fore as Red Sox shame Phillies

SPORTS

Mauresmo may miss Wimbledon after thigh injury

Tiger skips rest of the season

World No. 1 to get under knife again



TIGER Woods grimaces after hitting from the rough in the second round of the US Open. AP

Sweet Seventeen for Celtics' Big 3

Russia thwarts Sweden, gains q'finals



RUSSIA'S Pavlyuchenko (left) scores in the 24th minute. AP

Tagaytay bags chess team crown

Denoy, Jaro in OPBF title clash today

BUSINESS

Soaring prices hurting property firms

Cost of construction has risen 20% in just a year

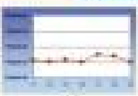
SOARING PRICES OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS—PARTICUlarly steel and cement—are beginning to hurt local property companies.

Some are rushing to acquire raw materials several years ahead of the required schedule, while others are considering increasing the prices of their units to cover for the spike in construction costs.

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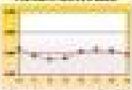
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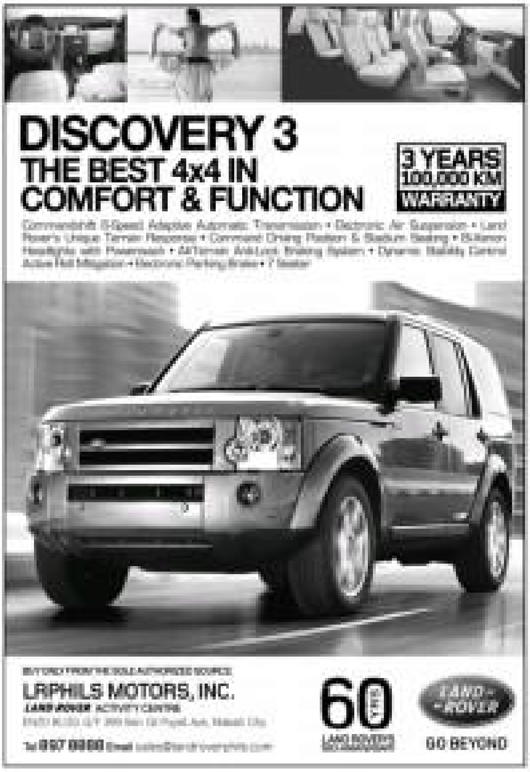
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French firm stops P1.1-B power ...



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(From left) Figaro CEO Pacita U. Juan, president of the League of Corporate Foundations, Roberto Calingo of Team Energy Foundation and LCF chair Mala Erni of Petron Foundation unveil the logo of the CSR Conference 2008 to be held at the Makati Shangri-La Hotel on July 14-15.

Coal miner plans to put up 30

By Elizabeth Sanchez-Larson

COAL MINER SULTAN MINING and Energy Development Corp. is exploring the possibility of putting up a power plant in Sagu-na, South Cotabato.

Sultan Mining's coal resources are enough to power up a 300-megawatt power plant, according to sources familiar with the company's activities.

Sultan's wholly owned subsidiary, MG Mining and Energy Corp. (MGMEC), indirectly owns 75 percent of Sultan Energy Philippines Corp.—the owner of a 7,000-hectare concession area in what is called the Daguma coal deposit. The area is situated between the provinces of South Co Sultan Kudarat in Mindan

Resource consultants cleared MGMEC's coal potential at 3.1 million of reserves and blocks in Sag

MGMEC holds coal contracts (COC) that to explore, develop a coal in specific areas

Panasonic introduces more thrills for today's visual era



The ultimate home entertainment system has undergone a revolution.

Panasonic recently unveiled its latest array of Panasonic LCD and Plasma TVs as its response to the call of the modern times, at the New World Renaissance Hotel in Makati.

Impelling the standards of contemporary flat TV panel displays, VIERA models like the Full HD TX-37LZ800 of the LZ800 Series, and High Definition TV models: the TX-37LX800, and TX-32LX800 of the LX800 Series; the TX37LX80 and TX-32LX80 and the TX-32LX8 of the LX8 series take the supreme challenge of recreating visual experience to the brand.

These VIERA LCDs owe their superb performance to the IPS Alpha panel technology. With the improved aperture ratio, high brightness and contrast are achieved resulting in clean, sharp images of fast-moving objects. A wide viewing angle is also made possible because of minimal distortion in the liquid crystal motion. Further, an energy-saving backlight operation minimizes power consumption.

In plasma TVs where each pixel lights up, the lighting intensity is also adjusted according to the scene. These rather versatile and stunningly attractive TVs undoubtedly are very welcome additions to the entertainment experience of living rooms in any household. Movie buffs are going to be blown away by the outstanding picture quality delivered through reproducing fast-moving images with outstanding sharpness, wide-ranging color reproduction, and high contrasts. It's a feast for the eyes as the picture quality at the highest level becomes awe-inspiring, adding the excitement of watching just about anything from the sports events to the expansive landscapes and vibrant colored environments featured in epic movies.

These LCD and plasma TV units are very durable as well. These are outfitted with front glass panels providing high resistance to impacts for extra assurance against the possibility of being hit by objects.

Finally, taking the environment into account, these VIERA TV sets come with lead-free plasma display panels thereby reducing the environmental impact as a result of disposal and recycling processes in the future. Putting it simply, the new VIERA line has reduced pollution by total of 290 tons of lead from the four million units that are produced each year. Further, these flat screen TVs include a new ECO mode to help lower power consumption.

SMDC allots ₱3B for MoA condo

SM DEVELOPMENT Corp. (SMDC), a property arm of the SM Group, will spend at least P3 billion for its new residential condominium project Sea Residences located within the Mall of Asia Complex in Pasay City.

Sea Residences, which provide residents a pleasant view of Manila Bay, is SMDC's sixth residential project within Metro Manila and the first of planned residential developments that will rise at the Mall of Asia Complex.

In a briefing held after groundbreaking rites for the project yesterday, SMDC president Rogelio R. Cabuñag said Sea Residences would be in the middle of a busy area as it is close to the SM Mall of Asia and the planned entertainment city of Pagcor, which makes it "a good market for residential units."

Sea Residences is a modern tropical condominium complex that will rise on a 1.6-hectare lot along Diokno Boulevard. It consists of six 13-storey towers that offer a total of 2,500 units.

Depicting "modern tropical Australian architecture" inspired by the subtropical city of Gold Coast, where most homes have balconies, Sea Residences will have 2,166 one-bedroom units and 392 two-bedroom units, of which 1,580 and 280 units, respectively, have a balcony.

According to SMDC assistant vice president Adelaida Cabrera, the company expects sales to reach P800 million this year from the first of planned three phases of the project. Up for completion by 2011, the first phase represents 50 percent of approximately 1,100 units available in Towers A and B and podium level areas.

Average price per square meter at Sea Residences is pegged at P80,000.

Medusa Mining to start drilling for gold, copper

By Ronnel W. Domingo

AUSTRALIAN FIRM Medusa Mining Ltd. expects to start drilling for gold, iron and copper in Surigao del Sur next week after securing permits covering the Kamanagan area.

Company managing director Geoff Davis said in a statement that drilling was planned to start initially in a site called Bunang, where iron-rich samples had been collected.

"The potential mineralization types are focused by various [intrusives] that have been interpreted to cover an area approximately 1,200 meters by up to 1,500 meters," Davis said.

He added that detailed descriptions of gold, iron and copper sampling results from 27 iron-rich samples that averaged 9.8 grams of gold per ton of ore and 37.3 percent iron.

The samples also yielded a copper value of 0.33 percent, which was higher than the findings that Medusa Mining announced last February.

"It is apparent that the Kamanagan area represents a major [metal-rich] target for gold, iron and copper," Davis said.

The plans of drilling permits come following Medusa Mining's announcement last April that it was on track with its first-phase expansion activities at its Co-O mine in Surigao del Sur.

The company said such activities would triple by late 2009 its yearly output from Co-O to 60,000 ounces of gold.

In a report to investors issued in April, Medusa said it was currently producing at an annualized 20,000 ounces, which would increase to 40,000 ounces in the second half of this year and to 50,000 ounces in the first half of 2009.

Also, the company is set to start in July a second-phase expansion of the Co-O mine to increase production to 100,000 ounces of gold by the first quarter of 2010.

At a second-phase expanded operation, the Co-O gold mine's plant capacity would reach 1,000 tons of ore daily.

Also in April, Davis said the projected expanded output of the Co-O mine was based on an upgraded resource of 713,000 ounces at 13.9 grams of gold per ton of ore.

"To achieve this production, the company has decided to sink a new shaft (called Hill View) to an initial depth of 400 meters, with the capacity for it to be deepened to 600 meters in the future," he said.

0-MW power plant in South Cotabato

All RP homes to soon get power, DOE says

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Travel groups troop to Cebu





Metrobank to raise ₱10B via debt paper

DOF: Last thing gov't will do is borrow

Teves hopes to maximize tax collection, focus on sale of more state assets

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Gov't revives talks on MRT-3 buyout

By Riza T. Olchondra

Agrarian reform: Boon or bane?

By Ernesto M. Ordoñez

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Disturbing information

Good news

Analysis

Conclusion

In pursuing Ro-Ro scheme, DBP acquires maritime firm

By Doris C. Dumlao

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Gov't borrowed ₱216B as of May

New funds used to pay maturing debt

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Chinese firm to invest $10B

By Amy R. Remo





BUSINESS Friday
Business Features Editor Margie Quimpo-Espino

'Tagging' the 'bangus' with a brand name

By Gabriel Cardinoza
Inquirer Northern Luzon



LINGAYEN, PANGASINAN—"Bangus" or milkfish produced in Pangasinan will soon be sold in markets with the "Pangasinan" tag wrapped around its tail, making it the first fish product in the country to be branded.

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Sunlife Funds	16,268,112,260	20.0%	18,226,894,595	21.2%
Philequity Funds	2,418,059,799	3.0%	2,885,721,987	3.5%
First Metro Funds	926,213,690	1.1%	1,019,681,609	1.2%
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Mr. Adelbert Legasto, Director of the ALFM Family of Funds, explains that investing in mutual funds is the most efficient and simplest way to diversify one's investment portfolio.

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BUSINESS *Friday*

'What is brand repertoire?'

MARKETING Rx
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Brand consideration set

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Basic considerations



'Universal' credit card for frequent flyers

By Doris C. Dumlao



More perks

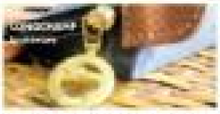
Growing market

LIFESTYLE FASHION

Coordinating Editors: Joeni Epperson and Apples Aberin-Sadhwani



MULBERRY photographer 'Ukay'



Almost all my original designer bags were bought for a song

How to hunt for vintage bags in Baguio's 'ukay'



FENDI bag

By [illegible]
Contributor

I AM AN UKAY ADDICT, and I love it.

Almost all my original designer bags were bought for a song. Okay not quite—but they were still far cheaper compared to their original price tags.

I have traveled the entire stretch of the country, and ukay shopping is always in my itinerary, whether in Luzon, Visayas or Mindanao.

But for me, the best place for ukay shopping is still Baguio. I realized that in the late '90s, when ukay was just starting.

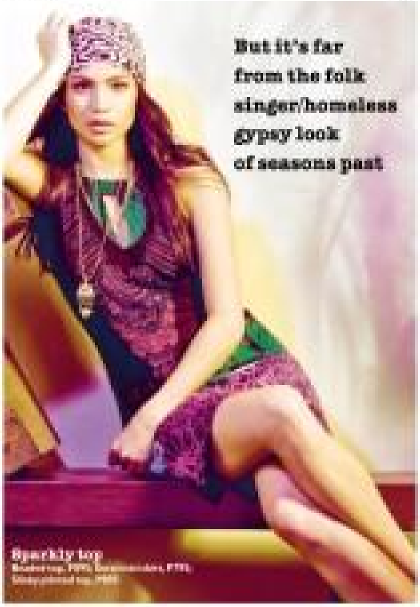
Now it has become one of the city's attractions, with peanut brittle, ube jam, walis and even hunting grounds.

I make sure I trek up north weekly for an ukay expedition.

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It's boho time—again

But it's far from the folk singer/homeless gypsy look of seasons past



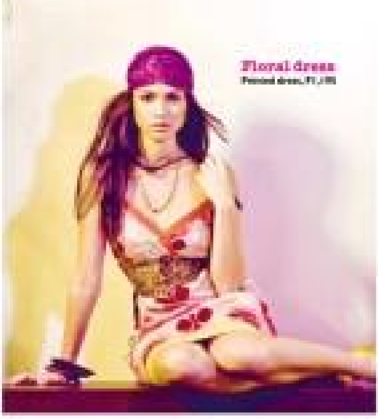
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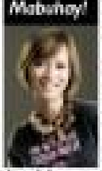


Mini skirt



Floral dress

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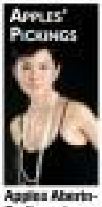
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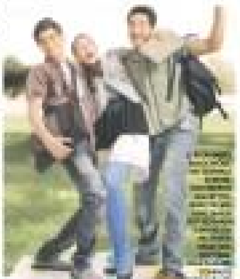
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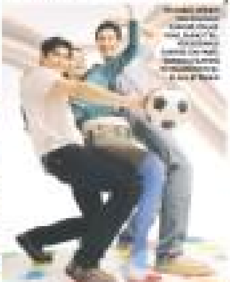
Make sure your clothes are easy to wear and maintain

Apples' Pickings



Apples Aberin-Sadhwani







How to hunt for vintage bags in Baguio's 'ukay'







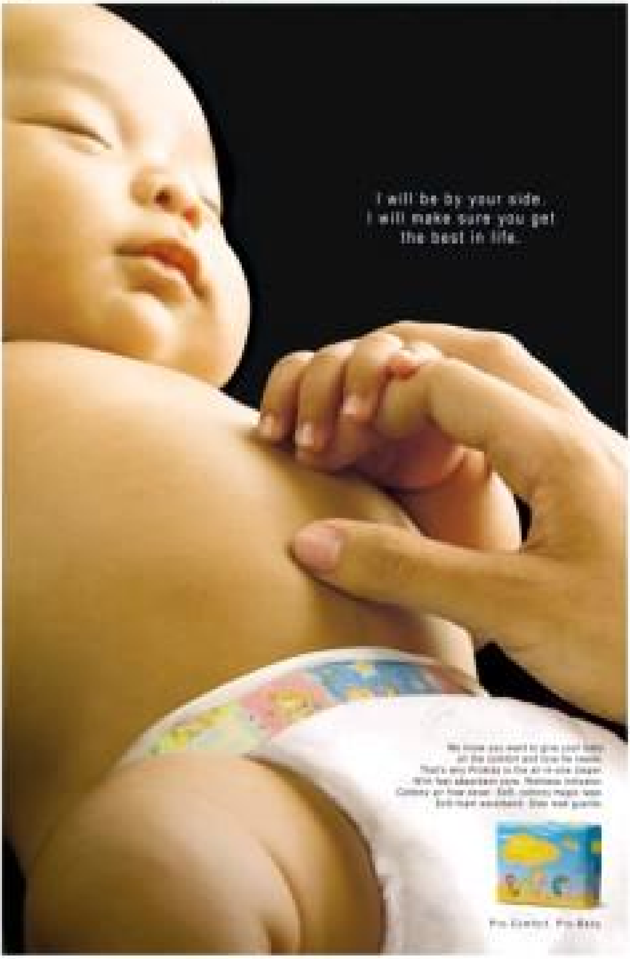














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LIFESTYLE

Kiddie fashion sans the cartoons



'I couldn't find clothes for my kids that don't have characters on them'

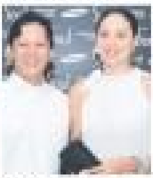
By Cheche V. Moral

THERE'S NO SUCH THING as starting your kids too early in helping them find their individual style.









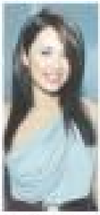




Soulful and magical night

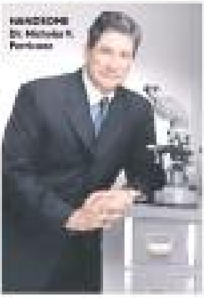


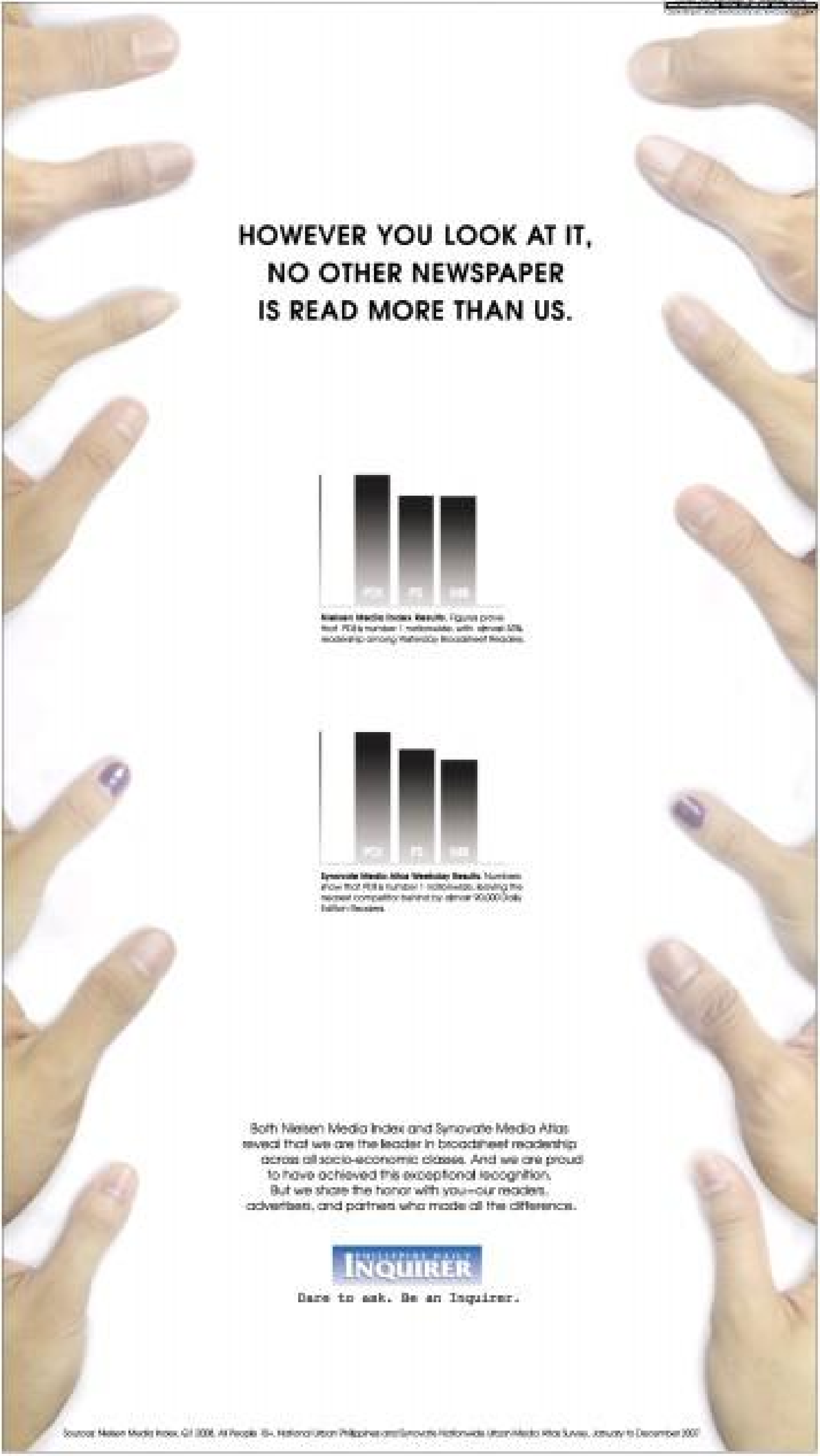



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Jojie Lloren's precise, laid-back tailoring

Which is not to say he has no sense of drama, or humor. Quite the contrary





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BACKSIDE drama





ART Deco patterns (above and below)

Clever tricks







EASY shapes

LIFESTYLE

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How to treat your sensitive skin



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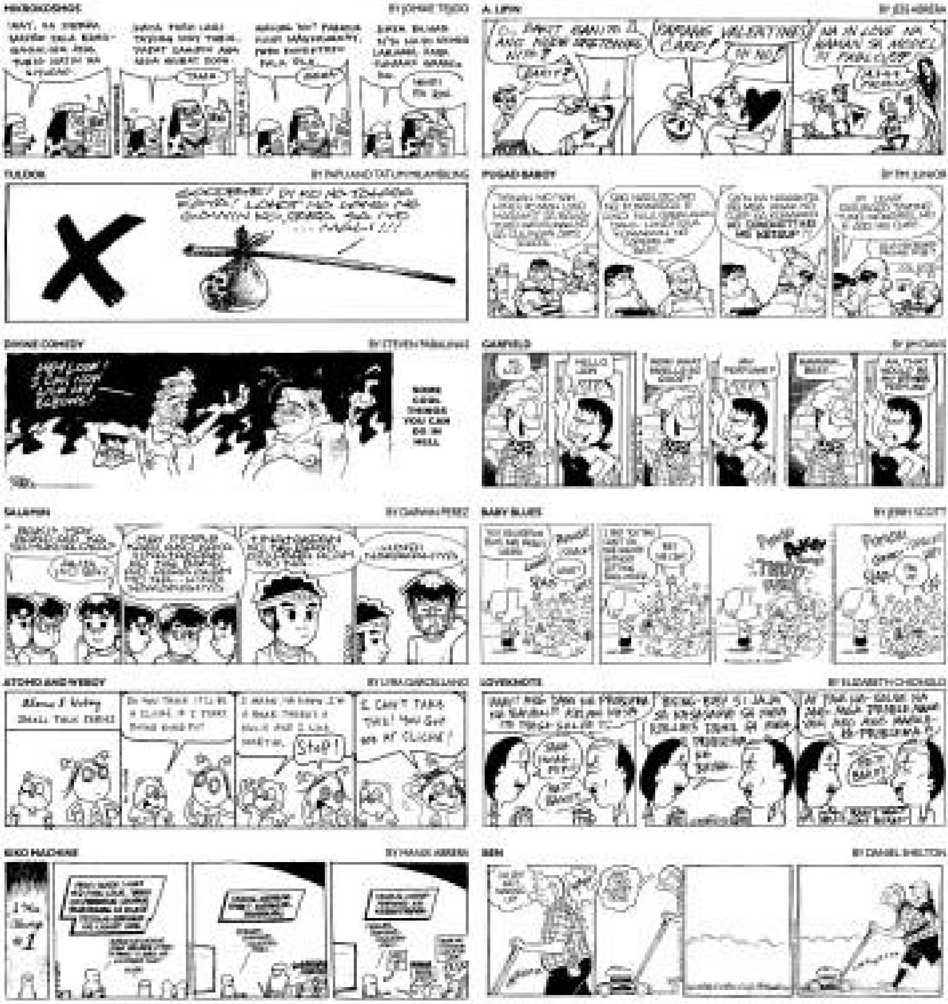


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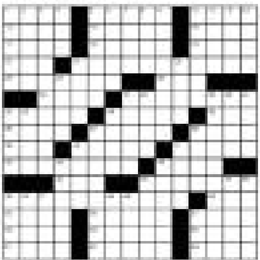
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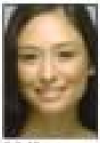
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How to get soft, loose, wavy hair

The look is effortlessly sexy but glamorous



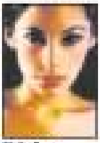
IT'S THE SEASON OF school and touchable wavy hair. Universally flattering while requiring minimum maintenance, loose curls can easily be worn from day to night. [illegible]



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Maintaining hair color

IT'S IMPORTANT TO find a good colorist. A bad colorist can leave your hair damaged, dry or sporting the wrong color. [illegible]



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Use moisturizing shampoo to protect your hair color.

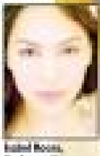
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Fancy fantasy makeup?





CALL IT ESCAPISM or simply longing for a more magical world, but you can't deny the presence of fantasy in movies, TV series, novels and theatrical performances these days. [illegible]







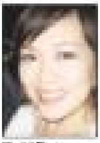
It's a great way to let your imagination run wild

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Banish those blemishes!

Err on the side of being germ-free and O.C.

NEW YORK—one of the things I miss most about being a full-time beauty editor (and living in Manila) is having smooth, zit-free skin that could rival any Belo-treated starlet's. In Manhattan, a trip to a reputable dermatologist can cost the equivalent of one month's rent. [illegible]



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Editor: Bayani San Diego Jr.

2 MMFF bills in limbo

Second hearing set, but Bong and Jinggoy are not in agreement

By Bayani San Diego Jr.



BOTH Estrada, left, and Revilla want the fest turned over to the industry from MMDA.

Current slicing

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Not one boring



THE Osmonds — (from left) Jimmy, Merrill, Jay, Marie, Alan, Donny, Wayne — thrill RP fans during the Manila stop of their 50th anniversary

MMTA MOVIE GUIDE

NOW SHOWING

By Pocholo Concepcion

A revelation

Grand UP centennial

Being sweet better



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Whether the once squeaky-clean songbirds ... one thing was clear: The Osmonds could play anything.

Remember Jimmy?

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Registration starts at 9 a.m.

From page F1



E-mail the columnist at ... and read his blog, "The Napster Report," at http://blogs.inquirer.net/napsterreport

Being sweet better than being bitchy, says 'princess'



ANNE Hathaway is struggling to overcome public perception that she's still the girl from "The Princess Diaries" films.

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD



Ruben V. Nepales

LOS ANGELES—FOUR YEARS and a few acclaimed adult roles later, Anne Hathaway is still seen by many as that wholesome girl who played a princess.

"Being sweet is better than being a bitch," Anne said in a recent interview. "That's not always true, though. But being sweet is not the worst thing."

We sensed, though, that while she's somewhat resigned to the notion that people still think of her as the star in two "The Princess Diaries" movies, Anne is eager to outgrow her wholesome image. She has bared her breasts in the straight-to-video "Havoc" and tackled an adult role in the acclaimed "Brokeback Mountain," among other things.

Miss Goody

PERHAPS it's her face — we just think of Miss Goody Two-Shoes when we see her. With short hair and in a black dress, Anne looked gorgeous, the loveliest we've seen her. And yet, despite the grown-up look and the adult 'tudes, she still comes across, at least in person, as being wholesome, like Julie Andrews, her regal grandmother in the "Princess" films, who earlier faced a similar challenge of breaking away from her "Mary Poppins" image.

"One of the funniest things is that the people's perception of me is very specific," Anne said. "And I know I'm not that. I know what my own truths are. So I never feel the need to contradict anyone because I know that, as long as I get to keep acting, people's perception of me will broaden."

She stressed, however, that she doesn't choose roles with the intention of changing someone's mind. "I choose a role because I relate to the character, or I want to work with the director or the co-star," Anne explained. "Or I simply want to have that experience because it feels right. People can make up their mind about me... whatever they want — because, to this day, I'm still blown away by the fact that they know my name."

To hear Anne say that — despite her continued success, including her pivotal part in "The Devil Wears Prada" and the title role of beloved English novelist Jane Austen in "Becoming Jane" — says a lot about how nice she is. "I live a life that's very comfy under the radar," said the woman who does manage to be low-key in her private life, although she was forcibly a tabloid item when her Italian boyfriend, businessman Raffaello Follieri, was involved in a financial scandal (the dispute was settled out of court).

"Knock on wood, that will continue," she said of her quiet existence away from the set. "I find that, in New York, as long as I stay away from certain known paparazzi haunts and areas that have a lot of tourists, people leave me alone. If they do [recognize me], it's a very New York thing, like they say" and here she spoke in a deep voice, mimicking a man with the accent of her native Brooklyn, "Hey, you were great in that!" "Yay movie — love you!"

Wonderful city

AFTER the reporters' laughter subsided, she said admiringly of her city: "New York is the most wonderful, diverse city in America. People aren't so easily impressed [just] because you've been in a few flicks."

Anne is in a big studio flick—"Get Smart"—where she plays sophisticated, serious Agent 99 to Steve Carell's inexperienced Agent Maxwell Smart. "I discovered that it's actually very easy to make Steve blush," she revealed about her costar in the action comedy inspired by the 1960s hit series, with the original roles played by then Adams and Barbara Feldon, are now essayed by Steve and Anne.

"Since I was the only girl on the set, I didn't want the guys to think that they had to be prim or polite around me," Anne related. "So on my first day on the set, I told the director joke I could think of. But I won't tell it here. You don't want to hear it."

Same guy

BUT Anne, who studied at Vassar College and then transferred to New York University (where she graduated), conceded in an amused tone that Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson "was the one who made me blush." She said admiringly of the former wrestling champ, who portrays superstar Agent 23, the one her Agent 99 character wants to work with in the action comedy. "Dwayne is filthy. That man is funny and goofy. He has an arsenal of jaw-dropping jokes. He was a pleasure to work with."

Dwayne, whom we interviewed after Anne, returned the compliment with a sheepish smile and said: "Don't let Anne Hathaway fool you. I wasn't the only one, believe me. The things that come out of her mouth will make you all drop in this room. We'd say, 'Really, that girl from "The Devil Wears Prada" was saying those things?'"

In a separate interview, Peter Segal, who directed "Get Smart," also shared how Anne, 25, changed his view of the actress: "I had met with her and I thought she was a little young. But she was determined to prove that I was wrong.

"She called and said: 'I want to come in and audition. I'm such a huge fan of Steve Carell's. I want to show you that I can stay toe to toe with him.' When he goes off page and improvises, I can hang tough and stay right there. I thought, Okay, fine. I was a little embarrassed because I thought she's such a great actress and she's so well-established that she doesn't need to audition.

"But more inclined, so she came in. She was the first girl who sat down with Steve and she was immediately our favorite choice. It was one of those things that was very unpredictable. Somebody had just recently given me a gift, a vintage lunch box from the original series. There was a picture of Barbara Feldon and Don Adams on it. Anne actually looked like Barbara. There was an uncanny resemblance. That was just icing on the cake. Because the most important thing about that relationship was the chemistry and Steve and Anne have it."

No comparison

A MODEST Anne said of the comparisons to Barbara: "I always said that Barbara Feldon, who is so stunning and beautiful as the original 99, set a bar way so high that I knew I could never reach. So it was very important to me to figure out how my 99 could be different from hers. Her 99 lived in the '60s, when the world, or at least America, was definitely male dominated. Now that we're in 2008, my 99 sees the past. I'm a tomboy at heart. I'm really not girly-girl. What you're seeing is the passion of a lot of very talented professionals making me seem like a girly-girl who does the whole beauty maintenance and dress thing. But I am really low maintenance, happiest when I'm hiking. I love

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Living Stars

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PATRICIA YSMAEL

BOOKS

I READ EVERYTHING—EVEN COMICBOOKS! But I collect John Grisham novels because I love legal stories. (As a girl) I wanted to become a lawyer. Grisham's books are really understandable, not muddled with legalese. The latest one I read was "The Summons." I highly recommend Grisham; you can pick up a lot of things from his novels.








KAPUSO stars Michelle Madrigal, Luis Alandy, Paolo Ballesteros and Jestoni Consuelo compete in the "Bi-Sikel" game. The 2nd "Kapusolympics" is part of GMA 7's 58th month-long anniversary special.

Work hard, *play* hard

By Marinel R. Cruz
Photos by Joseph Agcaoili

CALATAGAN, BATANGAS—ALL TAPings at the GMA 7 studios in Quezon City were suspended on Sunday to make way for the 2nd "Kapusolympics," the annual sports festival for GMA artists. This one was held at the sprawling (8-hectare) Golden Sunset Resort here, three hours from Manila.

The 2008 edition, like last year's, was also part of the Kapuso network's month-long anniversary celebration, according to Darling de Jesus, GMA 7 assistant vice president for mega shows, musicals, variety and specials.

No less than four weeks prior to Sunday, various teams from GMA 7's Entertainment group checked in and from the resort to prepare for the big event.

"We came in groups," De Jesus recounted. "Before the games were conceptualized, we sent a team of workers here. There were also several ocular inspections and trips to run-run the games."

Over a thousand GMA 7 artists, personnel and guests turned up on the day. About 150 of them belonged to the network's engineering department. "We set up a total of four stages all over the area," said De Jesus. "Medyo mahirap, nakakapagod, but it's fun."

6 games, 6 teams

The Kapuso artists competed in six sets of games—"Sinil Boo," "Magulang Magulang Gulong," "Monkey Bars," "Bi-Sikel," "Para Paraw" and "One Two Step, One Two Go." There were six 18-member teams—Green, Violet, Red, Yellow, Orange and Blue.

But for all the planning and preparation, the event wasn't without mishaps. Actor Wendell Ramos dislocated a shoulder after a bad fall while playing tug-of-war. He was rushed to a nearby hospital. Actress-commercial model Bebibes Papaio suffered scratches and bruises after losing her balance in a production number.

The resort was closed to other visitors for the day, said its owner, hairdresser and TV host Ricky Reyes. "In the past week, we allotted half of the rooms here to GMA 7. Some of the participants, Darling included, have become residents of the place," Reyes joked.

"The place was (perfect) since we announced a mass sports event," de Jesus said. "Aesthetically, it's also perfect for production numbers. We moved boats, plants and other ornaments to where we thought they'd look good. Mother Ricky had no qualms about that. The best part was, we had the place for free."

Song numbers

The day-long fun started at about 10 a.m. with a song number from Regine Velasquez and the 24 finalists of the reality search "Pinoy Idol." This was followed by duets from "Eat Bulaga" love teams Dingdong Dantes and Marian Rivera ("Dyesebel"), Kamdan Hakli and Dennis Trillo ("Magdam Ka"), Angelika dela Cruz and



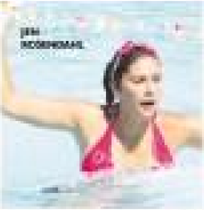
THE ORANGE team with program host Raymond Bagatsing

Marvin Agustin ("Babangon Ako't Dudurugin Ka") and Heart Evangelista and Richard Gutierrez ("Codename: Asero").

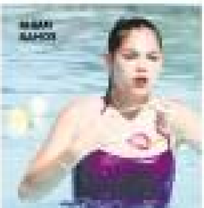
Alfred Vargas reprised his role as cornerback while "XOF" singing groups La Diva, You've Got Male and Sugar Pop performed during the games. Heart, Karina, Raymond Gutierrez, Arnell Ignacio, Ariel Villasanta, Marvelah Roberts and Ina Calderon doubled hosting chores.

"Kapusolympics: Palarosaniv" airs on Sunday night.

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MARIAN RIVERA



MIKE Tavera and JC de Vera play the "Magulang Magulang Gulong" game.



WENDELL Ramos was rushed to a nearby hospital after he dislocated a shoulder.



At the Cinemas

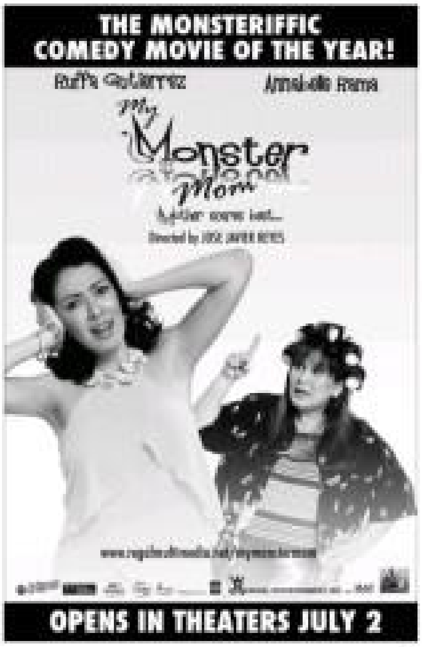
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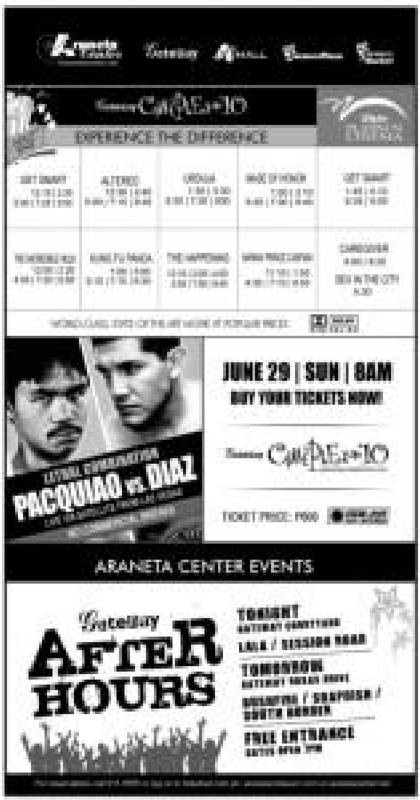
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Iya goes for the perfect fit

By Marinel R. Cruz
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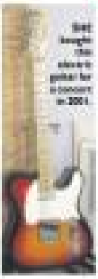
IYA VILLANIA IS CONVINCED that she gets her money's worth by buying branded shoes.

"It's not just the brand name you're paying for but also the quality," said Iya as she led Living Stars around her four-bedroom condo unit in Mandaluyong City. The actress-TV host, a mainstay of "ASAP '08," "Us Girls" and "SRO," had just bought a pair of funky Christian Louboutin shoes and was excited to show it to us.

"It has earned its name and credibility," she said of the brand. "This pair actually fits better than some other brands that I have."

A peek into Iya's walk-in closet revealed footwear from Aldo, Steve Madden, Zoe Wittner, Colin Stuart and Kenneth Cole.

"I've worked very hard and felt that I deserved it," she said again of her Christian Louboutins. "It's my first really expensive pair. I don't know why other girls buy expensive shoes, but at the time that I bought this, I just felt like rewarding myself."


Self bought the electric guitar for a concert in 2003.

Shoes

I got my favorite boots from the US. They're also funky. A lot of people notice it. I wear them with leggings or stockings.

I like shoes that are cut low on the toes and have high heels. I like them colorful, too, although I have some in basic colors like these (Nine West) beige pumps that I can wear anywhere.

My favorite pair of sneakers is from Adidas. I buy sneakers one size smaller because they tend to stretch as you wear them out.

Tops

I like tank tops. They're so comfy. My favorites are those that my dad gave me. They're from Insight. I also love my white Insight scrubs.

I bought this (white blouse with black accents) in Hong Kong. It's super cute. The color goes with anything.

The stuff you wear must reflect your personality, complement your body shape and color. If you're round, stick to dark colors.

Bottoms

I don't like skirts. I love the color purple—so when I found a pair of purple pants, I bought it without blinking. I also love my pair of plaid pants. It feels like I'm wearing pajamas.

Dresses

I like mini-dresses because my legs are not as long and skinny as a supermodel's. I buy dresses abroad puro nalang hapunin. I was lucky to have spotted this purple tube dress. I think it's made of satin. The fabric allows the dress to wrap around my body.

Gadgets/Musical instruments

I own an electric guitar I bought this in 2003 for a concert. I prefer playing the piano, though, because I took professional piano lessons.

I own a MacBook. I also have an iPod and a couple of speakers. I recently bought a digital camera.

Make-up

My concealer, which never fails, is from Naturactor. It's not too expensive but it really works for me. I also own some items from Estée Lauder—a Christmas gift from my manager.

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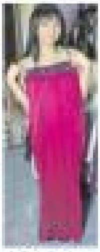


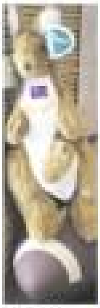
SPANKING new buy: a pair of Christian Louboutin high heels.


BIKINIS, she has a handful.

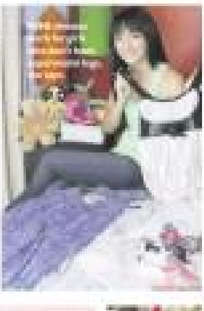

GIFTS from boyfriend Dennis Andaya.


ESTEE Lauder, Mac and Naturactor are her top makeup brand choices.


PURPLE tube dress was a lucky find.


MEMENTO from Australia, where she grew up.


INSIGHT and J.Jeans pants are her favorites.




BRANDED shoes fit better than busy, cheap ones, insists the footwear expert.



SM Mall of Asia gets 'Low' with #1 hip hop artist Flo Rida

LIFESTYLE

BEAUTY

RP is virgin territory for face-care brand

Only about 2 percent of Filipino women maintain an anti-aging regimen, survey says

IN THE PHILIPPINES, ONLY about 21 percent of women use a face-care product, according to a survey. Hair care users are at 96 percent. Only about 2 percent maintain an anti-aging regime, though over half of the respondents expressed desire for younger-looking skin.

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ALFONSO with Meryll Yao, assistant brand manager, Pond's Phils., and Monica Dulay, global assistant brand manager for skin lightening

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MANUEL Alfonso, Unilever's global marketing director for face care and VP of Pond's' global relaunch

Blind-testing three anti-aging products

How does Pond's measure up against two prestige brands?

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Identical results

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Great performance

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A visit to the Pond's Institute in New York, legendary beauty and skincare address



UNILEVER Philippines Skin Marketing Manager Merya Laus and Pond's Regional Brand Director [illegible]



THE WHOLE team with Pond's Global Vice-President for Skin Research and Development Michael Cheney (seated fourth from right) and Pond's Global Brand Director Pilar Calderon (seated fourth from left)

Breathless in Beautyworld

By [illegible]

NEW YORK, HOME TO THE Pond's Institute and a vibrant melting pot of the classic and the cutting edge, was the perfect backdrop for Pond's journey of discovery, or should I say rediscovery.

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JESSE Weissman uses the Spectrophotometer to determine how much light reflects off Merya Laus's skin



"Ziggy," a Cyberware Rapid 3D Digitizer analyzes all the face from all angles

DAY 1

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Breakthrough technology

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THE AUTHOR bravely takes on a Pond's diagnostic device that analyzes one's skin condition and recommends the proper products

DAY 2

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CONFERRING with photographer Julia Pogodina



CARLA SIBAL, [illegible] at the Pond's Institute in New York



POSING for posterity [illegible]



AT SASA during the last night of the Pond's NYC sojourn

Lycopene: The secret behind pinkish white skin



THE LOOK of pinkish white beauty by Pond's



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POND'S White Beauty Pinkish White Glow Lightening Cream



PINKISH white skin in just seven days

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THE STAR product of the new Pond's Age Miracle range, the Daily Resurfacing Cream



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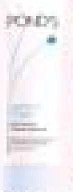
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